

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH, 2009

"Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas."

The National Agricultural Library Presents

The Dynamics of American Slave Agriculture

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The lecture will offer an entirely new perspective on the antebellum Southern economy explaining the forces that heavily influenced where slaves lived and the tasks they performed. The research helps explain:

- The rise of the South as the world's premier producer of cotton, supplying about 80 percent of the inputs used to fuel the textile mills of Western Europe and the United States
- The movement of slaves out of urban activities and other crops into cotton
- The extremely rapid geographical expansion of cotton production resulting in the increased importance of the interregional slave trade
- The role of technological innovation and in particular plant breeding in propelling Southern growth and expansion
- The changing nature of the slave work environment



NAL's Main Reading Room
Thursday, February 19, 2009
10:30–11:30

10301 Baltimore Ave, Beltsville, MD 20705

Light refreshments will be served.

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